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ASHELY ANDREWS MUST SERVE SENTENCE NOW, JUDGE RULES

St. Thomas, USVI - St. Croix businessman and attorney Ashley Andrews must begin serving his 151-month prison sentence immediately and not after his appeal is concluded, Visiting District Court Judge Juan R. Sanchez ruled in a memorandum opinion issued Tuesday.

On September 20, 2006, Andrews was convicted of conspiracy to violate federal law, wire fraud, program fraud, fraudulent claims upon the government, and inducing a conflict of interest in violation of federal and Virgin Islands law. On January 19, 2011, Judge Sanchez sentenced Andrews to 151 months of imprisonment.

Andrews, who was taken into custody immediately after his sentencing, filed an appeal with the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. He then filed a motion for bail or release pending the resolution of his appeal.

In denying Andrews' motion, Judge Sanchez stated that Andrews did not present evidence that there was any substantial question of law or fact that he was challenging on appeal, and he did not show there was a substantial question sufficiently important to the merits of the case that would require reversal of his conviction. Judge Sanchez concluded that Andrews had

failed to show there was any issue on appeal that warranted his release.